

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion comprising a silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent consisting of a silver ion-containing phosphate salt series compound, a discoloration inhibitor, a thickener, a dispersant, and a dispersion medium, wherein the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent is 5 to 60 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion, and the thickener is 0.1 to 10 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent.
2. (canceled).
3. (original): A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion formed by further adding a fine particulate compound having an average particle size of 1 to 100 nm to the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1.
4. (canceled).
5. (previously presented) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the discoloration inhibitor is an imidazole series compound and/or a benzotriazole series compound.
6. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the thickener is a polysaccharide and/or a cellulose-based thickener.

7. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the dispersant is an anionic surfactant and/or a nonionic surfactant.

8. (previously presented): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein it further comprises a binder resin.

9. (previously presented): An antibacterial-processed product processed using the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1.

10. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1, wherein the silver ion-containing phosphate salt series compound is a silver-supporting zirconium phosphate.

11. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 3, wherein the fine particulate compound is an inorganic oxide colloid particle and/or a composite oxide colloid particle.

12. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 5, wherein the discoloration inhibitor is a combination of the imidazole series compound and the benzotriazole series compound.

13. (new): The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 8, wherein the binder resin is an acrylic acid-based binder resin and/or a urethane-based binder resin.